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## **Wanted: Snowbirds to join IDOT's snow-and-ice team**

*Temporary workers assist during winter; open door for full-time employment*

**SPRINGFIELD** –The calendar still says August, but the Illinois Department of Transportation is looking for qualified individuals to apply for seasonal positions to help with snow-and-ice removal across the state through its annual “snowbird” program. The temporary snowplow drivers are hired by IDOT every year on a full-time and on-call basis to help keep roads cleared throughout the winter.

“This is an excellent opportunity to earn some extra income while serving your communities by keeping roads open and safe for everyone during our challenging Illinois winters,” said Illinois Transportation Secretary Omer Osman. “While these positions are crucial to our frontline snow-and-ice response efforts, they also have led to full-time jobs as highway maintainers and fulfilling careers at IDOT.”

Snowbirds are required to promptly respond to emerging weather situations for snow-and-ice removal and stay on alert to work in emergency conditions at any time, including nights, weekends and holidays. Applicants must have a commercial driver's license and submit to a criminal background check. A pre-employment physical is required. Veterans are encouraged to apply.

Applicants will be selected based on availability, experience and qualifications. For additional information, including details on the application process, pay and the potential for benefits, please click [here](#). Job postings will be made the week of Aug. 23.

A short animation video on the snowbird program is available on IDOT's YouTube [channel](#).

Each winter, IDOT has approximately 1,800 plows to put into service, providing coverage to nearly 16,000 miles of roads statewide, the equivalent of driving from New York to Los Angeles and back almost six times.

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